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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Shabazz**

WHEREAS, the Main Street model is considered one of the many economic and community development tools used by a locality, and that successful revitalization requires an on-going commitment, continuous attention and full public-private partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Economic Development Office has established the Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate status to assist localities in developing public/private efforts to revitalize their downtown commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, interested cities, town and communities exploring downtown revitalization, including those that may not be eligible or desire to meet the requirements for a Main Street designation, may participate as an Affiliate; and

WHEREAS, Affiliate communities have access to Delaware Downtown training opportunities and limited on-site assistance, as resources permit; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue developing the business base in South Wilmington and to further economically revitalize the Southbridge neighborhood within the context of the historic preservation utilizing the Main Street approach, the City of Wilmington desires to participate in the Delaware Economic Development Office's Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program and has completed the necessary application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council supports the joint application of the City of Wilmington and the South Wilmington Planning Network to participate in the Delaware Economic Development Office's Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that resources permitting, the City of Wilmington fully intends to actively support and implement the initiatives developed as a result of Commercial District Affiliate status.

Passed by City Council,
December 13, 2012

Attest: _Maribel Seijo_
City Clerk

Approved as to form this _13th_
day of _December_, 2012.

John R. Sheridan
City Solicitor